

Q/A #1 -12

Connecting Kids to Coverage Outreach and Enrollment – AI/AN Grants Questions from Prospective Applicants

1. **QUESTION:** For purposes of the grant, what is the definition of “children”?
ANSWER: All state Medicaid and CHIP programs must cover low-income children up to age 19, and some states must cover them under Medicaid up to age 21.
2. **QUESTION:** In my grant proposal budget section, may I include costs associated with cross-training state Medicaid and grant staff on hospital presumptive eligibility?
ANSWER: Yes. Every state is required to have a hospital presumptive eligibility process. It is important for applicants pursuing Focus Area Four to learn about their state’s process for hospital presumptive eligibility. Helping the state to tailor its process and training to increase effectiveness in AI/AN communities would be allowable under the grant.

For more information on Hospital Presumptive Eligibility, visit
<http://www.medicaid.gov/State-Resource-Center/MAC-Learning-Collaboratives/Learning-Collaborative-State-Toolbox/State-Toolbox-Expanding-Coverage.html>

3. **QUESTION:** Under “Hospital Presumptive Eligibility” can the hospital make presumptive eligibility determinations for individuals other than patients of the hospital?
ANSWER: Yes. Hospital presumptive eligibility is not limited to patients of the hospital. Hospitals can assist with PE determinations for family members and may also enroll eligible individuals from the broader community.
4. **QUESTION:** If we currently receive reimbursement from the state to work on Medicaid applications, can we still apply for grant funding?
ANSWER: An applicant cannot receive grant funding for work it is already funded to perform. However, the applicant can receive grant funding for an activity that is new, different or augments or expands activities the applicant already conducts. Furthermore, the applicant must fully disclose in the application the arrangement it currently has with the state to avoid duplication of effort or funding.
5. **QUESTION:** In my state, organizations must pay a subscription fee in order to have access to the electronic application for health coverage. May we request funding to pay the cost of the subscription?
ANSWER: Yes, as long as the activities under the grant include providing families application assistance using the electronic application.

6. **QUESTION:** What entities are eligible to apply for this grant?

ANSWER: The following types of entities may apply for this grant.

- Indian Health Services Providers
- Tribes (as defined by section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act)
- Tribal organizations operating a health program under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA)
- Urban Indian organizations operating a health program under the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA)

7. **QUESTION:** May 501(c)(3) tribal organizations apply for this grant?

ANSWER: No. To qualify for this grant, the tribal organization must have an ISDEAA contract. However, the 501(c)(3) tribal organization could contact an eligible entity, such as an organization described in Q6, and suggest forming a coalition. A proposal for the coalition could be submitted with the eligible entity (described in Q6) designated as the lead agency/organization.

8. **QUESTION:** My tribe operates a health program under the Indian Self-Determination Act but another division within the tribe, which is not a health program, is interested in applying for the grant. Are they eligible to apply?

ANSWER: Other divisions within the tribe (that are not operating health programs) may apply as long as the tribe meets the definition set forth in section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

9. **QUESTION:** May we partner with a school serving AI/AN children to provide incentives to the children (for example, supplying t-shirts for the children on field day) and attract parents to the school for an enrollment day?

ANSWER: Yes. You may partner with a school serving AI/AN children and you may provide modest incentives within this grant opportunity. The applicant should disclose the expected costs for these incentives in its proposed budget for the grant. The costs for incentives should be reasonable with respect to the overall budget and should be directly connected to the purpose of the AI/AN outreach and enrollment grant.

10. **QUESTION:** The FOA does not specify quantitative goals for how many AI/AN children grantees are expected to reach and how many grantees are expected to successfully enroll. Yet there is a requirement for data collection and reporting on pp. 27-28. Will we be required to track these data as results of our agency's outreach and education efforts? Is there an enrollment expectation or target which the reviewers will be looking for?

ANSWER: Proposals should include quantitative goals for outreach, enrollment and renewal that make sense given the activities the applicant plans to undertake. Goals should be feasible, given the size of the community in which the activities will take place, the need for health insurance in that community and the type of activities that will be conducted. Grantees will be expected to collect and report required data, as described in the FOA.

11. **QUESTION:** My tribe receives funding from the state to help American Indians enroll in the State Based Marketplace. Is my tribe eligible to apply for this CHIPRA grant?

ANSWER: Yes, as long as the funding from the state is not for the same activities that the tribe would propose in its application to carry out under the Connecting Kids to Coverage –AI/AN grant.

12. **QUESTION:** We, as one tribe, want our Community Health Representatives to work on Focus Area 1 and sub-award to another local tribe to provide services in that tribe's specific area working on Focus Area 2. The FOA asked that one focus area be identified; however, our proposal will actually cross two different focus areas, is this acceptable?

ANSWER: Yes, however, applicants must designate one Focus Area as the primary focus area. Please note this is worth 5 points in the evaluation.